

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 578

By Dickerson

A RESOLUTION to honor Tommy Emmanuel's musical achievements.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize those gifted musicians who have contributed to this State's great musical tradition; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Emmanuel is one of the world's most respected guitar players; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Emmanuel was born in Australia, began playing the guitar at age four, and was working as a professional musician by the time he was six years old; and

WHEREAS, he developed a pen pal relationship with the great Chet Atkins, which inspired Mr. Emmanuel to come to Nashville to meet him and a life-long friendship ensued; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, Mr. Atkins presented Tommy Emmanuel with a Certified Guitar Player award, an honor Mr. Atkins has only personally bestowed on four guitarists; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Emmanuel's most notable achievements includes two Grammy nominations, playing at the closing ceremonies of the Sydney Summer Olympics, and being appointed a Member of the Order of Australia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Emmanuel's message is pure love for the music and his delight in sharing it with the world, one audience at a time; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Emmanuel and his talent as a musician has most assuredly been a blessing to the State of Tennessee and has enriched the lives of all who have heard him; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize Tommy Emmanuel for his musical achievements and wish him success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.